

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 639

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Deborah Y. Sisco.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Ms. Deborah Y. Sisco, a beloved mother and devoted union leader; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sisco enjoyed an exemplary career of more than forty years with South Central Bell, BellSouth, and AT&T; and

WHEREAS, she helped improve the working lives of her colleagues through her tireless, ferocious, and dedicated work as a union leader with the Communication Workers of America; she had served in a variety of elected positions in Local 3808, most recently, her third term as president; and

WHEREAS, other than her children, Ms. Sisco's union work was her greatest source of pride, satisfaction, and accomplishment; through her graceful example, she led, inspired, and taught her fellow union members; and

WHEREAS, in her personal life, Deborah Sisco was a role model for her family and many friends, and she will be fondly remembered for her warm, loving smile and inquisitive nature; and

WHEREAS, a good listener, Ms. Sisco served as a foundation for many of her closest associates and specialized in helping them untangle life's challenges; she was also known for helping those who could not fend for themselves; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her father, Jimmy (Missy) Thomason; her life partner, Jose Zuniga; her son, Alex Youn; her sisters, Angy Thomason, Sharon (Sherman) Butler, and Karen Campbell; and her two best friends, Dorthy (Noah) Savant and Pam (Kerry) Donnaud; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her mother, Glenda Thomason; and her daughter, Marie Sisco Varsos; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Sisco will be deeply missed by many people throughout the greater Nashville community, and it is only fitting that we should commemorate her bountiful life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Deborah Y. Sisco, reflecting fondly upon her legacy of stalwart union work and her personal excellence, and extend to her family, friends, and colleagues our sympathy and condolences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.